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Report on the large consumption of opium in the East Godavari district.

* 819 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the committee appointed to enquire into the causes of large consumption of opium in the East Godavari district has sent its report;

(b) if so, whether the same will be placed on the table of the House; and

(c) whether the Government propose to take any and if so, what action on the report?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes; when orders have been passed on the report.

(c) The Government are awaiting a further communication on the subject from the Government of India.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"May I know when the report of the committee was submitted to Government?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"Which committee?"

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"The committee that was appointed to enquire into the causes of large consumption of opium in the East Godavari district?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"That report is now under the consideration of Government. The matter is under correspondence with the Government of India."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"Will it be placed on the table of the House?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"There is the answer in print that, when orders have been passed on the report, it will be placed."

Medical

Appointment of lady medical officers to the hospitals at Cuddalore and other places.

* 820 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no lady medical officers attached to the Government Headquarter Hospital at Cuddalore and to the Government hospitals at Tindivanam, Kallakurichi and Villupuram;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are no lady medical officers attached to the Local Fund and Municipal medical institutions at Cuddalore Old Town, Nellikuppam, Panrutti, Mannargudi, Porto Novo, Gingee, Sankarapuram, Vriddhachalam and Tirukkoyilur and that no provision has been made for the gosha women and children in these centres where Muslim population is considerable; and

(c) whether the Government will take steps for the early appointment of lady medical officers to the several aforesaid hospitals under their control and to those under the control of the local and municipal bodies and see that necessary and suitable arrangements are made for affording facilities for medical attendance and treatment of gosha women and children in the centres aforementioned?